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To: All Parties and Persons Interested
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Subject: **FILING DATE FOR REVISED PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

On November 20, 2020, the California Energy Commission (CEC) issued an Order Affirming and Modifying Order to Remand¹ that directed the Committee² to report on progress in the Sequoia proceeding to the CEC at the January 2021 business meeting.

In preparation for the report at the January 2021 business meeting, the Committee requested that the parties answer a series of questions.³ The responses from Staff⁴ and Applicant⁵ both indicate that the Applicant intends to file a revised project description to change the technology of the backup generators to meet Tier 4 air quality requirements, as opposed to the currently proposed Tier 2-compliant backup generators.

In order to ensure that this SPPE proceeding continues to move forward, a formal revised project description must be filed in the docket. The Applicant shall be prepared at the January 25, 2021, business meeting to provide a date by which it will file a fully revised project description. "A fully revised project description" would include information about the new technology being proposed; a description of any changes between the originally proposed backup generators and the new proposal (e.g., height of the equipment, use and storage of additional fuels or other chemicals necessary to operate, sound and vibration resulting from use of the new technology); any changes in operations and characteristics of emissions from the backup generators; and any other revisions to the current project description as a result of the change in technology.

If you have any questions of a procedural nature, please contact me as shown above. Technical questions should be addressed to Leonidas (Lon) Payne, Project Manager, at Leonidas.Payne@energy.ca.gov or at 916-651-0966.

¹ TN 235758.

² On September 11, 2019, the CEC appointed a Committee consisting of Karen Douglas, Commissioner and Presiding Member, and Patty Monahan, Commissioner and Associate Member, to conduct proceedings on the application for a small power plant exemption (SPPE) for the Sequoia Backup Generating Facility. (TN 229721.)

³ TN 236128 (Order After Committee Conference).

⁴ TN 236330.

⁵ TN 236340.